

# Public Power and the Road Ahead

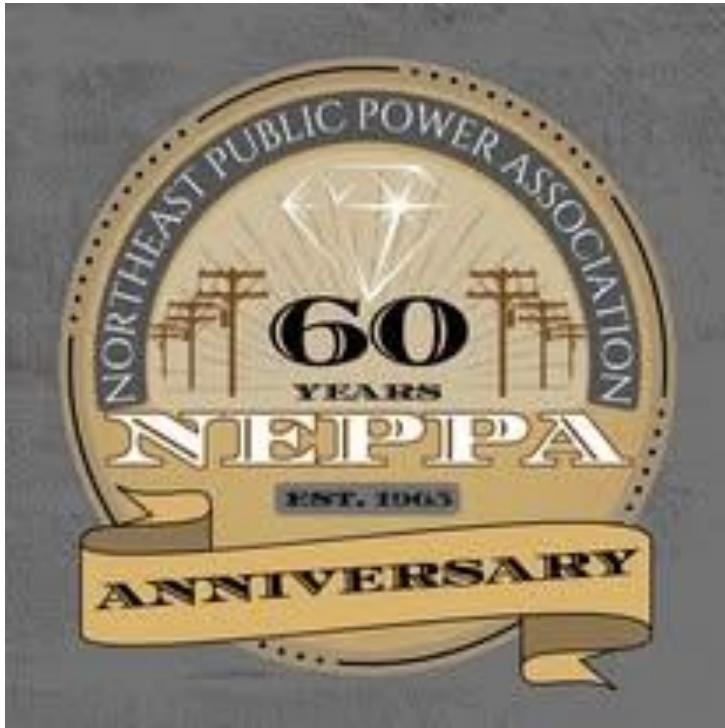


## NEPPA Annual Conference

**Scott Corwin, President and CEO, APPA**  
**August 2025**



# Happy 60<sup>th</sup>, NEPPA!



APPA turns 85 this year...



Advocacy, Technical Services, &  
Training/Networking

Nearly **2,000**  
public power utilities provide electricity to

**55**

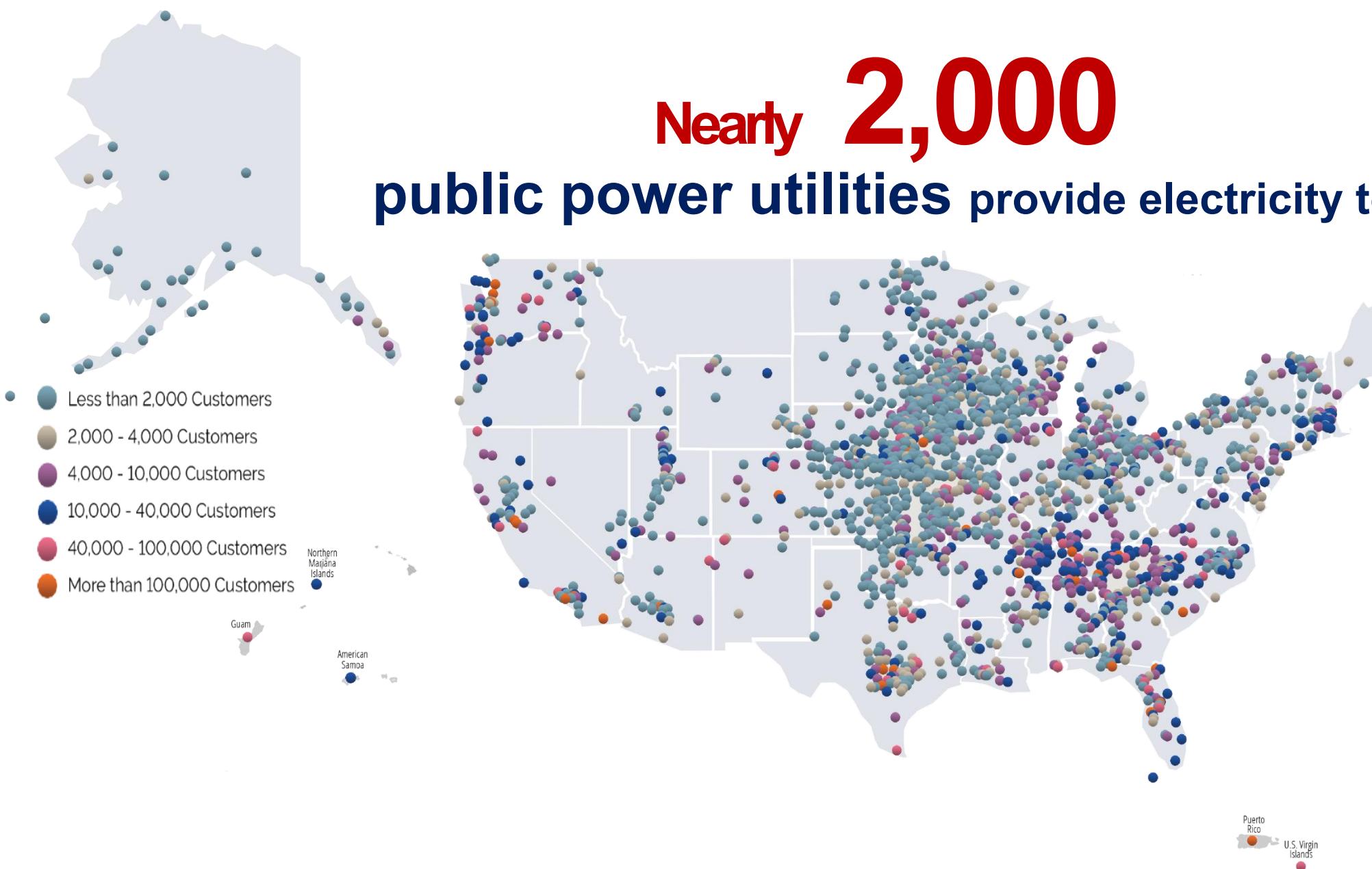
million people

**49**

states and

**5**

U.S. territories



# Advocacy in 2025 – Affordability/Reliability

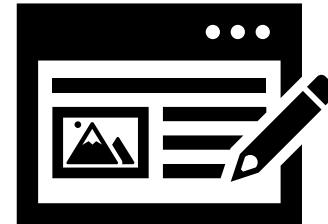
**Tax Exempt  
Financing &  
Infrastructure**



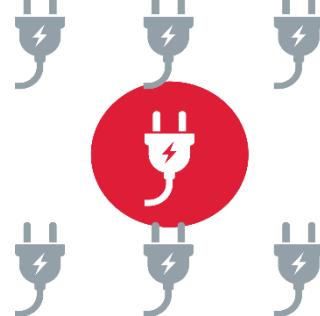
**Elective  
Payment  
Tax Credits**



**Grid  
Security**



**Permitting  
Reform**

  
**Reliable  
Power  
Supply**

# Legislation and The Big Reconciliation Bill

- Budget Reconciliation – aims and outcomes for public power
  - Process and Vote-a-thons
  - Finance Mechanisms
  - Treatment of Generation Projects
  - Foreign Sourcing and Investors
  - Regs & Moving Forward...



# PUBLIC POWER BUILDS WITH BONDS

Public power relies on municipal bonds to develop all kinds of projects. From 2014 to 2023, public power financed **751 projects** for **\$69.8 billion**.

About 10% of all projects across the U.S. funded by municipal bonds from this time were for power-related projects.

With \$15.7 billion in new money bonds issued for power-related projects, 2023 was the highest year for power-related bonds in more than a decade. And 2024 continued to see increased issuances.

Here's a look at some of the public power projects across the country #BuiltbyBonds.



**HAVE A PROJECT BUILT BY BONDS?**  
ADD IT TO THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION'S  
BUILT BY BONDS MAP AT [WWW.GFOA.ORG/BUILT-BY-BONDS-ENTRY-FORM](http://WWW.GFOA.ORG/BUILT-BY-BONDS-ENTRY-FORM)

# Other Regulation and Legislation

- Energy Dominance Agenda
- Repeal and Replace
- Opportunities... Permitting...



# Supporting a Secure, Reliable, Resilient Grid

- Policy and Resource Adequacy
- Load growth and AI
- Grid Transformation
- Extreme Events- Wildfire, Hurricanes, Others
- Physical and Cyber Security
- Gas-Electric Interdependence



# Addressing Trends – Meeting Challenges

**Distribution  
Performance**

**Power Supply  
Management**

**Financial  
Health**

**Community  
Engagement**

**Human Resource  
Excellence**

**Superior  
Customer  
Service**

**Advocacy and  
Communicating**

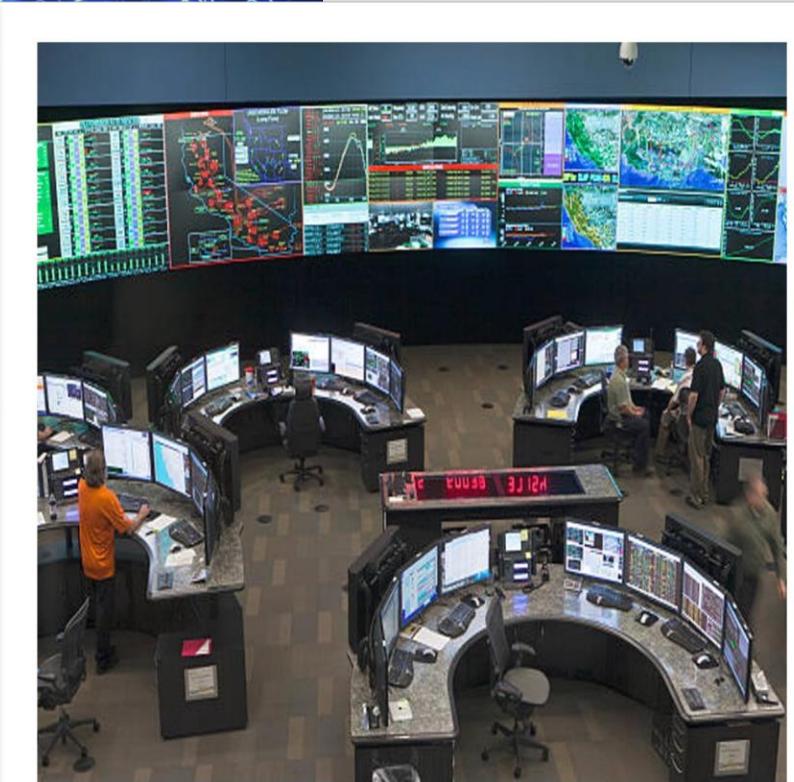
**Invest in Technology**

Public Power Forward – A Guide to Utility Operational Excellence

[PublicPower.org/OperationalExcellence](http://PublicPower.org/OperationalExcellence)



# Next Public Power Frontiers





# Aiding Operational Excellence

eReliability Tracker

eSafety Tracker

Safety Manual

R&D funding and  
technical assistance  
via Demonstration of  
Energy and Efficiency  
Developments (DEED)

**Recognizing Leaders  
in Excellence**

Reliable Public Power  
Provider

Smart Energy Provider  
program

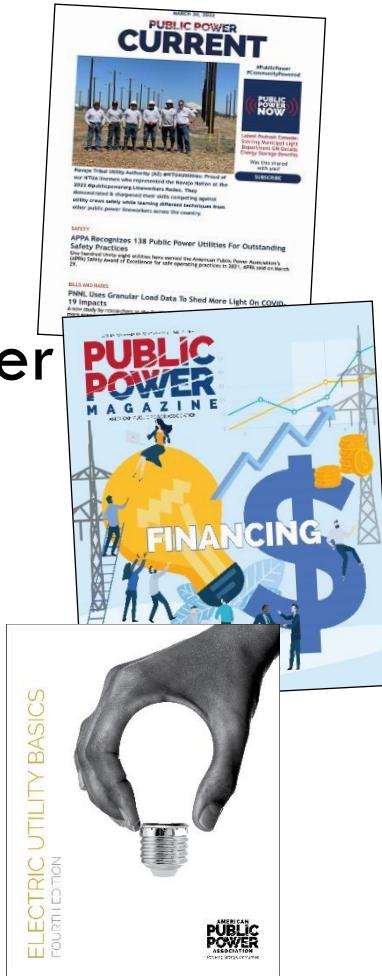
Safety Awards

Mutual aid commendation

# Learning through info, training, and events...

## Your Source

- Online networks: *Engage*
- Public Power Current newsletter
- Public Power Now podcast
- Magazine, social media
- Info papers on key topics
- Promoting Public Power site
- [www.publicpower.org/about](http://www.publicpower.org/about)



## Events & Training

- Major conferences coming up:
  - **Business and Finance**
    - Sept 7-10 Raleigh, NC
  - **Legal and Regulatory**
    - Oct 12-15 San Diego
  - **Customer Service/ Comms**
    - Nov 2-5 Salt Lake City
  - **Rodeo/Engineering and Ops**
    - Late March 2026 Huntsville, AL
- Summits and workshops
- Certificate programs

# On Demand Learning

Convenient  
Cost-effective  
Timely information  
on key topics

Examples:

- Public Power 101, or
- Webinars on DOE Grants at no extra charge



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# Public Power: Stronger Together



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“Those who do not look upon themselves as a link, connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world.”

- Daniel Webster